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TO AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PINT, PFOR, RO

SUBJECT: ROMANIAN REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO DEFECTORS
SIRBU AND POPA

REF: STATE 18812

1. ON FEB. 6 DEPT INFORMED ROMANIAN DCM IONITA THAT
FORMER EMBASSY EMPLOYEE SIRBU HAS DECLINED TO MEET WITH
A ROMANIAN EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE. DEPARTMENT ALSO
INFORMED IONITA THAT POPA HAS AGREED TO SUCH A MEETING.
THE TIME HAS YET TO BE SET FOR THE MEETING WITH POPA.

2. BOTH SIRBU AND POPA INITIALLY DECLINED TO MEET WITH
EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES. DEPARTMENT ARRANGED FOR FSO
LANGUAGE OFFICERS TO MEET WITH BOTH TO ASK THEM TO RE-
CONSIDER. THIS WAS DONE. SIRBU WAS ADAMANT IN HIS
REFUSAL WHILE AS NOTED ABOVE POPA HAS AGREED TO A
MEETING WITH AMERICAN OFFICIALS PRESENT.

3. SIRBU HAS BEEN ADMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES BY
THE INS DISTRICT DIRECTOR IN NEW YORK AS A CONDITIONAL
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ENTRANT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AFTER ONE YEAR HE CAN SEEK

PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS. INS HAS NOT YET ACTED ON
POPA'S REQUEST TO REMAIN IN THE UNITED STATES. SISCO

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